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Dear Mr. Ambassador,

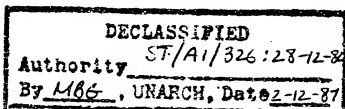
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I would be grateful if the enclosed message could urgently be transmitted to His Excellency Senor Fidel Castro.

Sincerely yours,

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Acting Secretary-General

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Message to His Excellency Senor Fidel Castro,
Prime Minister of the Revolutionary Government of Cuba

I hope that Ambassador Garcia-Inchaustegui has conveyed to Your Excellency the appeal that I addressed to you and to President Dorticos through him in the course of the statement I made before the Security Council on 24 October. I then recalled the following words of President Dorticos, uttered from the rostrum of the General Assembly on 8 October:

"Were the United States able to give us proof, by word and deed, that it would not carry out aggression against our country, then, we declare solemnly before you here and now, our weapons would be unnecessary and our army redundant."

I added that I believed it would also contribute greatly to finding a way out of the present impasse "if the construction and development of major military facilities and installations in Cuba could be suspended during the period of negotiations".

As Ambassador Garcia may have reported to you I have received fairly encouraging responses to my appeal for negotiations and a peaceful solution of the problem from the President of the United States and from the Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the USSR. Your Excellency can make a significant contribution to the peace of the world at this present critical juncture by directing that the construction and development of major military facilities and installations in Cuba, and especially installations designed to launch medium range and intermediate range ballistic missiles, be suspended during the period of negotiations which are now under way.

It would encourage me greatly to have an affirmative reply to this appeal very urgently.

U Thant
Acting Secretary-General

